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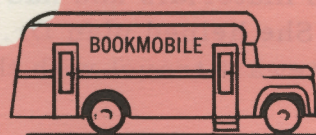
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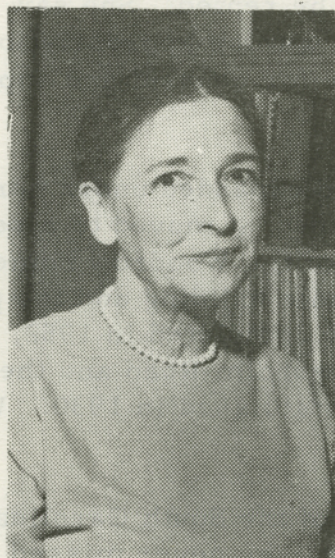
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## IN MEMORIAM



LUCY HAMPTON  
BOSTICK

The tragic death of Mrs. Hagood Bostick on July 18 stunned and saddened her many friends and acquaintances. It will take time for the full impact of this loss to be realized.

Mrs. Bostick was a pioneer in the library field in South Carolina.

In 1929, shortly after her appointment as librarian of the Columbia Public Library (forerunner of the Richland County Public Library) she, with the late W. Anderson Clarkson and the late Mary E. Frayser obtained the passage of legislation creating the State Library Board. No appropriation was available for many years and Mrs. Bostick, as secretary (1929 - 1968) gave of her time and effort to attend to the correspondence and to travel over the state speaking before groups interested in the establishment of libraries.



In 1930 her efforts and those of W. Anderson Clarkson resulted in a Rosenwald grant for the establishment of a county library to serve Richland County. Prior to that she had packed and delivered in her car, boxes of books for use in rural schools and communities.

When the State Budget Commission made funds available to employ a field worker for a few months, the State Library Board secured the services of Dr. Helen Gordon Stewart, an internationally known librarian from British Columbia. Dr. Stewart came to the state in November of 1938 and directed a move to establish Citizens' Library Associations in each county. The aim was to create statewide interest in an appropriation to establish the State Library Board but the effort was not fruitful. Mrs. Bostick provided space for the campaign materials and had the membership cards and other material reproduced in her library. She helped plan Dr. Stewart's itinerary and arranged with WPA officials to have Dr. Stewart travel with the Library Project supervisors.

With the demise of the WPA and its Statewide Library Project, Mrs. Bostick with Mary E. Frayser conducted a campaign in the legislature which culminated in the first appropriation, \$15,000, for the State Library Board. She provided storage space for the books and materials inherited from the WPA and desk space for the librarian employed by the Board until quarters could be rented. She saw this unpretentious beginning grow into a thriving state library agency with an appropriation of \$598,524 for 1968-69. Through the years she was always available for counsel and support and was faithful in her attendance at meetings of the Board.

Her own library grew and expanded under her direction. From a few rooms in the Sylvan building on Hampton Street, it moved to a second story location in the 1500 block of Main Street, next to a portion of the Woodrow home on the site of the present library and then to the occupancy of the whole building and the purchase of the lot. In addition to the handsome headquarters library completed in 1952, there are two new branch library buildings, the Cooper Branch on Trenholm Road and the branch at St. Andrews. The Waverly and Eastover branches were established in 1930. With physical expansion came expansion and improvement of services.

She was a loyal member of the South Carolina Library Association and served as its president in 1932. After joining she never missed attending a conference. Her hospitality was evidenced again when she welcomed Association committee meetings to the use of the conference room in the new Richland County Public Library building.

She encouraged numerous young people to go to graduate library school and the fact that many now hold responsible library positions in South Carolina and other states is a testimony to her judgement.

Mrs. Bostick was a fighter. Once a goal had been established, she spared no effort to achieve it. No matter if the temperature soared into the hundreds or dropped to near zero, if she were needed to support a library legislative program, she made it to the legislature. She was not easily discouraged. If one door was closed, she looked until she found another open. No library legislation of state-wide significance was enacted without her help. She had a light hand and an easy manner in handling the most difficult situations. Her last service to the libraries of South Carolina was her support of the measure to exempt public libraries from the payment of the sales and use tax. In less than an hour, she was able to convince key members of the legislature that this measure should be enacted. She was gay and gallant with a mischievous sense of humor and a keen wit. With all this she combined force, endurance and determination. Her death is a personal loss to all who knew her. She was, in the true sense of the word, a great lady.



## SLB CATALOGER ACCEPTS GEORGETOWN POSTION

Mrs. M. Thatcher Paris, chief cataloger at the South Carolina State Library Board, will become librarian of the Georgetown County Library in Georgetown on August 15th. A native of Baltimore, Maryland, she joined the State Library Board staff in 1966. Prior to that time, she was editor of the book catalog at the Montgomery County (Maryland) Department of Public Libraries.

Mrs. Paris, a graduate of Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, received her Bachelor of Science degree from Drexel Institute School of Library Science. She later was awarded her Masters degree from Columbia University School of Library Science in New York City.

Mrs. Paris began her library career at Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Maryland and since that time has held positions at the Library of Congress and the New York Public Library. She was also an instructor in the Department of Library Science at Nazareth College, Louisville, Kentucky for four years.

Mr. Paris is a Research Assistant at the State Library Board.

## GREENVILLE LIBRARY RECEIVES \$500,000 GRANT

The Frederick W. Symmes Foundation has made a \$500,000 grant, the largest private grant to a Greenville institution, to the Greenville County Library. The gift makes possible the construction of the new library building as originally planned. A previous gift of \$100,000 from the Foundation was utilized for the purchase and preliminary development of a site for the building.

The project will utilize county and federal funds in addition to these private funds. The Greenville County Legislative Delegation authorized a bond issue of \$1,500,000. The Appalachian Regional Development Commission made a grant of \$250,000 and the State Library Board granted another \$250,000 in Library Services and Construction Act funds.

The 70,000 square foot building was designed by Perry, Dean, Hepburn, and Stewart of Boston, Massachusetts and Piedmont Engineers of Greenville, with J. Russell Bailey, Orange, Virginia, acting as consultant. The Triangle Construction Company of Greenville has been awarded the construction contract.

### "Stages" Unusual Groundbreaking

The long awaited happy occasion of the groundbreaking ceremonies for the \$2,100,000 Greenville County Library was not dampened by the rain which began an hour before the ceremony, scheduled for eleven o'clock July 30.

Some 300 persons gathered in the Charles Daniel Little Theatre where the ribbon bedecked shovel wielding took place on the stage.

H. Caldwell Harper, chairman of the Greenville County Library Board presided. Taking part in the ceremony were State Senator Richard W. Riley, chairman of the library committee of the Greenville County Legislative Delegation; State Senator Thomas A. Wofford, chairman of the Delegation; Mrs. Glen A. Wilkinson, a niece of the late Frederick W. Symmes and a trustee of the Symmes Foundation which has given \$600,000 to the building



fund; R. E. Hughes, state chairman of the South Carolina Appalachian Advisory Commission which made a grant of \$250,000 toward the construction; Arthur Magill, president of the Greenville Friends of the Library and Mayor David G. Traxler.

Charles E. Stow, librarian and Romaine A. Barnes, chairman of the building committee were in charge of the groundbreaking ceremonies.

#### NEWS OF OTHER CONSTRUCTION

Bids have been received on the renovation of and addition to the headquarters of the Pickens County Library. The contract will be signed at an early date. Pickens has received a \$30,000 grant from the Appalachian Commission and a \$75,000 LSCA grant from the State Library Board.

The contract has been awarded for the renovation of the old post office in Abbeville to serve as county headquarters for the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library. An LSCA grant of \$38,420 from the State Library Board will supplement local funds.

#### SUMTER FEATURE POSTPONED

Due to the fact that Chapman J. Milling, Jr., Sumter County Librarian, was not able to obtain the photographs requested, the new Sumter County Library building cannot be featured this month. Sumter's building, the first to be completed under the LSCA construction program, will inaugurate a series on the new library buildings. The buildings will be featured in the order of their completion.

#### GENEALOGICAL COLLECTION OF THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD

In January, 1963, the State Library Board began its cooperative project for developing a genealogical collection of books and other materials of regional and national scope to supplement the extensive holdings of the South Caroliniana Library for research in family history. From its inception, through April 18, 1968, the State Library Board has purchased for the Genealogical Collection approximately 641 volumes, comprising 283 titles, at a cost of \$7,204.10 (including binding). Although owned by the Board, the Collection is housed and serviced in the South Caroliniana Library in open stacks and restricted to use in the building. Selections for the Collection are initiated by the South Caroliniana Librarian for purchase by the Board, which assumes responsibility for ordering, cataloging and labeling of all volumes, and supplying one set of cards for inclusion in the South Caroliniana Library's catalogs.

The South Caroliniana Library continues to strengthen its own holdings of materials relating to South Carolina persons, families and history, but relies on the State Library Board for securing for its patrons numerous useful works which treat family history in other states and national areas, with the southeastern United States as the principal area of concentration. In addition to numerous individual family histories, the State Library Board Genealogical Collection now contains heraldic dictionaries, genealogical periodicals, sources and guides for genealogical research in New England, the West Indies, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and Europe; works dealing with the immigration of Huguenot, German, German-Swiss, Scotch and Scotch-Irish to America; microfilmed and published U.S. census records, emigrant and ship passenger lists; land, militia, pension, tax, birth, marriage and death records. Among the outstanding sets and periodicals acquired to date are:



Alabama Genealogical Register, 1959-66; Colonial Families of the U. S. A., by George Norbury Mackenzie, 7 vols., 1966 reprint; Compendium of American Genealogy, Frederick Adams Virkus, ed., 7 vols., 1925-1942; Genealogical Index of the Newberry Library, Chicago, 4 vols., Boston, 1960; Genealogical Periodical Annual Index, 1962-1965; Genealogy and History 1940-1953; Georgia Genealogical Magazine, 1961-1967; Heads of Families. . . First Census of the U. S. . . . 1790, for Conn., Me., Md., Mass., H. H., N. Y., N. C., Pa., R. I., Vt. and Va.; Historical Southern Families, by John Bennett Boddie, 10 vols., 1957-1966; Journal of North Carolina Genealogy, 1955-1965; Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder, 1884-1898; National Genealogical Society Quarterly, (1912-1967); New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 1847-1966; North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register, 1900-1903; Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine, (1895-1966); Quaker Necrology (2 vols., Boston), contains the Haverford College Library's index to four Quaker periodicals; Southern Genealogists Exchange Quarterly, 1957-1966; Stewart Clan Magazine, 1922-1963; Virginia Colonial Abstracts, by Beverly Fleet, 34 vols., 1961.

-- Report from E. L. Inabinett, Librarian

South Carolinana Library, University of South Carolina

## INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

The State Library Board is now an associate member of the International Federation of Library Associations. Not only do members benefit by receiving worthwhile materials but membership indicates concern for library development throughout the world.

## ANNUAL INTERN MEETING

The annual meeting of the students involved in the Intern program of the State Library Board and their supervising librarians will be held August 6 in the Capstone House, University of South Carolina.

The Intern Program offers college juniors and seniors and recent graduates an opportunity to explore the possibilities of librarianship as a career. It is sponsored jointly by the State Library Board and the participating library systems.

## CLARENDON COUNTY CONTRACTS FOR SERVICE

On July 23, the Clarendon County Library Board approved contracts with the Sumter County Library and the State Library Board which will make possible the beginning of public library service in the county. Under the terms of the contract, the Sumter County Library will provide bookmobile service to the communities of Manning, Summerton, Turbeville, Alcolu, and Paxville. Service will begin August 9.

The signing of the contracts climaxed more than two years of effort by a group of Clarendon citizens who have been led by Mrs. Walter Dow. Mrs. Dow, who has served as chairman of the county library board since its appointment, is moving to Southern Pines, North Carolina, in August. She will be succeeded as chairman by Kendrick Johnson, editor of the Manning Times.

## MC CORMICK COUNTY LIBRARY BEGINS SERVICE

On July 22 the McCormick County Library was opened to serve the residents of the county. Marian Sturkey has been employed as librarian. The library is located in the McCormick County Building.



The library became eligible for the first time to receive State Aid by special agreement to use funds to develop a headquarters library this year and to work for extension of library service next year. The primary aim for 1968-69 is to develop a basic book collection. The library board's long range goal is to secure sufficient financial support to make possible the provision of county wide service, either through contracting with a neighboring county for bookmobile service or through the development of its own branch libraries or bookmobiles.

#### DARLINGTON COUNTY LIBRARIES TO UNITE

Under the provisions of enabling legislation passed by the 1968 General Assembly, the public libraries of Darlington County may join in a unified county library system. The Darlington Public Library and the Darlington County Circulating Library will form the nucleus of the library and the Hartsville Township Library may join later. The county library board members are being appointed. The first consideration of the board will be the proposal of the State Library Board that the Darlington County Library enter a contract for a demonstration program.

Mrs. Marcia Perkins of Stamps, Arkansas, has been employed as head librarian and will assume her duties in August. Mrs. Perkins has wide experience in the public library field, having headed a demonstration program in Louisiana and worked in public libraries of several states.

#### HORRY LIBRARY ON TOUR

For several years the City of Conway has acted as host to groups of senior naval officers (mostly from NATO countries) who are in Charleston for special work at the Naval Mine Warfare School. During their visit they are guests in private homes for a long weekend. The Chamber of Commerce sponsors this event and schedules tours of various places in the county which might be of interest to visitors from abroad. For the last two years the Horry County Memorial Library has been included on the itinerary. The guide brings them into the library and Mrs. Catherine H. Lewis, the librarian, gives a short talk on the role that the public library plays in American life. They are usually interested in the fact that this is a tax-supported service free to all who need it. Next they are interested in the book collection. They are shown the new book shelves and told that these provide a fair sample to the books in the collection. The guide has found that the library is the one place where they want to linger and he has had to eliminate the next one or two stops because of this interest.

In May the U.S. Navy gave the City of Conway a special commendation for this work in furthering international good will. Admiral J.S. Dawsey, who made the presentation, said it was the first time on record that the Navy had made such a gesture. Mrs. Lewis received a special invitation to the luncheon as a representative of one of the cooperating agencies.

#### BUT-HAVE YOU TRIED THE PUBLIC LIBRARY?

Warming a baby's bottle has been added to the services provided by the Laurens County Library.

Due to an automobile breakdown a family was stranded in Laurens for several hours and repaired to the library. A letter of gratitude included the following:

"We were able to warm the baby's bottle, relax in your cool building and enjoy our idle hours with your books. Thank you ever so much."



## SERVICES FOR THE HOMEBOUND

A study of public library services for the homebound and institutionalized is being carried out at the University of Michigan Department of Library Science preliminary to preparing a monograph on that topic for the Public Library Reporter series. The project is under the direction of Professor John McCrossan and is being partially supported by university funds.

One section of the report will contain a description of services currently offered to the handicapped by public libraries of all sizes. Libraries are encouraged to send details about such services to Dr. McCrossan. Information on the following and related topics would be very helpful: the type of services offered, the kinds of handicapped people served, their reading interests, cost of the service, library staff involved in the service, successes achieved, and problems encountered. Information about all types of programs, even very small ones, is desired. Some of the responding libraries will be visited and their programs will be studied in detail.

### Pickens County

The Pickens County Library is beginning a program of book delivery to shut-ins in the Easley area on an experimental basis. It will be expanded to the entire county if there is enough interest and if staff time is available.

Requests may be made by mail or telephone. Delivery and pick-up will be made by a staff member.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

The progress of the first year of the Abbeville- Greenwood Regional Library is recounted in the informal and informative report of Elizabeth L. Porcher, Director.

Annie Frances Blackman has compiled an annual report which describes the activities of each department and the branches of the Anderson County Library.

In the 1967-68 report of the Horry County Library Mrs. Catherine H. Lewis evaluates the year's work and calls attention to the needs of the library.

## OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

Mrs. Helen L. Ervin is retiring as librarian of the York Township Library (branch of York County Library) after 35 years association with the library. She will be succeeded by Mrs. Joseph E. Mitchell on September 1.

Mrs. Stephanie B. Easterling, Hartsville, and Mrs. Sylvia P. James were appointed to the staff of the Darlington County Library upon the retirement of Annie James and Mrs. Helen E. Boseman.

Mrs. W.B. Finney, Liberty, and Mrs. Marvin Ellison, Clemson, are new trustees of the Pickens County Library. They replace Mrs. Edgar Stewart and the late Dr. Ralph H. Cain.

Mrs. W F Davis, Aynor and Gilbert Ellerbe, Jr., Conway, have been appointed to the Horry County Memorial Library Commission.



The Womans's Club of West Columbia annually sponsors a summer reading club at the R. H. Smith branch of the Lexington County Library. This year more than 342 children in grades one through six participated in the "Charlie Brown" Summer Reading Program.

Mrs. Mamie Rice, librarian of the Kershaw Memorial Library (branch of the Lancaster County Library) since 1945 was honored by a feature story in the Lancaster News.

Congratulations to Ramon Schwartz, Jr. on his election to the House of Representatives from Sumter County. Because of his election he has resigned from the Sumter County Library Board and George James was elected chairman to succeed Mr. Schwartz. James Solomon was appointed to fill the vacancy on the board.

C. K. Wright, Laurens; Mrs. Carl Howard, Gray Court and Mrs. Kelley Waites, Joanna, have been appointed to the Laurens County Library Board.

### REVISION OF PERSONNEL MANUAL

The American Library Association has just published a revised edition of Personnel Organization and Procedure for public libraries.

The manual is written as a model which provided a framework to assist an individual library in formulating its own basic personnel procedures. Purposely designed for easy modification to fit individual situations, the manual treats all the generally accepted principles and procedures of sound personnel administration which a library should consider in preparing its own policy statement.

This revision of the 1952 edition is prepared by the Personnel Publications Committee of the Personnel Administration Section of ALA's Library Administration Division.

Personnel Organization and Procedure: A Manual Suggested for Use in Public Libraries, 2nd ed. American Library Association Publishing Dept. \$2. 50

### YOUR PROBLEMS

by  
Anne Library

Dear Anne:

This letter is addressed to you by "a ship of fools". Our "Captain" deserted the vessel last week when she departed on a months vacation. In order to insure a peaceful and quiet vacation, she did not leave us any information as to how we could get in touch with her should the library either be burned to 'he ground, or the staff fall a victim of bubonic plague. So far, neither fire nor plague has befallen us, but we are beset by emergencies which are almost as bad. First of all, the Chairman of the Board called up Monday and wanted to see a copy of this year's State Aid Agreement. We can't find it in spite of a three-hour search. The mail brought in a warning from the State Library Board that unless a certain piece of information was received within ten days, we would lose a grant of around \$8,000. We have spent hours looking for this, and all we can find is the original letter from the State Board with the August deadline. Do you suppose the information has already been sent to them?



The bookmobile librarian has sprained her ankle and will not be able to take the vehicle out for a couple of weeks. We do not know whether we have the authority to employ a substitute or just what to do in this emergency. As a matter of fact, I do not have the authority to write this letter. No one was left in charge or given any authority to handle emergencies, or even the regular work of the library during the librarians absence. She has only been gone a week and we are already adrift in a sea of problems which threaten to overwhelm us before she returns. What ought we to do?

All at Sea

Dear All at Sea:

Sounds to me like you are adrift in a thick fog and about all you can do is to try to steer clear of rocks until the Captain returns. When she does get back, sunburned, rested and at peace with the world, she should find enough problems awaiting her to set her back at least two years! You might show her this letter. No chief librarian or head of a department, for that matter, should leave for any period of time without designating a person on the staff to take charge during the absence. Neither the librarian nor staff member should leave on vacation without leaving in the library office full information as to where they are going and how they can be contacted should an emergency arise. Chief librarians should make sure before they leave on an extended absence that deadlines for important library programs have been or will be met. And a final word in parting, the library files should be so carefully organized and kept so completely up-to-date that materials and information which may be needed can be quickly and accurately located. This business of a harried digging through stacks of disorganized material is an extravagant waste of time, which no library can afford. A little touch of the "cat" or a close-up look of the "plank" might be what your irresponsible Captain needs to set her back on course.

I hope you weather the hurricane and come into a peaceful harbor.

Anne

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Burton, E. Milby. South Carolina Silversmiths. Charles E. Tuttle Company, \$7.50  
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